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Marijuana, agriculture, veterans and nature addressed at General Council meeting

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

The annual General Council meeting on September 19, held at the Alliance Energy Center in Madison, addressed nine resolutions brought forward by tribal members.

The resolutions that passed are first sent to the Attorney General for opinion. Following that the Legislative Attorney as well as the Attorney for the General Council submit their opinions, according to Joy Thompson of the General Council Agency.

Legislative has made it a practice to "acknowledge" the resolutions by the 45-day mark. This year that will be October 31. This, however, does not mean that they act upon them, Thompson said.

Once the Attorney General submits her opinion the General Council Attorney and General Council Agency staff will work with Legislature to enact the passed resolutions.

At the General Council meeting, one of the most debated and contentious resolutions at the General Council meeting was a proposal to grow and process marijuana on tribal land. The resolution passed 63 percent (1,013 votes) for the resolution to 33.9 percent (544 votes) against



Betty Kingsley tells about her work as a social worker and dealing with families in which a member was involved in drugs. She posted her opinion that she is against any involvement of the Ho-Chunk Nation in legalizing marijuana on tribal lands.

and 3.1 percent (50) abstaining.

Hazel Guerrero introduced the resolution, advocating the legalization and sale of marijuana on tribal lands. Philip Blackhawk seconded the resolution.

Guerrero said that marijuana is not just to smoke to get high, but can be used for medicinal purposes.

"It's a cure for cancer," she said. "Anywhere there's plastic, hemp can be used."

A number of Ho-Chunk members followed her comments with comments of their own, some for and some against.

Kimberly Waukon spoke against the resolution.

"Under the previous president's administration, the Nation declared a 'state of emergency' because of the incidences of drug addiction and the number of babies

born to mothers who are addicted to drugs," Waukon said. "Many times marijuana is a gateway to other drugs."

"I don't believe we are people who have a handle on substances," said Marlys WhiteEagle, who was opposed to the resolution.

Betty Kingsley said that she has been a social worker since the 70s and all she did was help families who had family members who smoked marijuana or addicted to drugs.

"It's heartbreaking," she said. "This resolution is calling for the ruination of families and destruction of kids. I hope you would not vote for this catastrophe."

Several people said they would be in favor of the resolution if it was further defined that the marijuana was for medical purposes, but

they did not like the wording presented because it was too broad and would allow marijuana on tribal lands for any reason.

The final speaker was Elliot Littlejohn. Chairman Gerald Cleveland said that time was up for discussion on the resolution, but then said he would grant his two minutes.

"Marijuana is the leading cash crop on the planet," Littlejohn said. "The Menominees are headed in that direction."

He said that the Nation could prosper financially by growing marijuana and per cap could increase substantially.

"We need to hunt down the leading cash crop," he said.

Another debated issue was an amendment to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to allow the president to appoint department heads without having them to be approved by the Legislature.

The resolution was introduced by Anne Thundercloud. She stated that the present procedure creates a delay in getting executive directors into their jobs. Thundercloud proposed removing any provisions in the Constitution that require the Legislature to confirm the appointees.

She said, at present, the candidates for the executive positions need to submit a resume, have a background check performed and to have three references, then be approved at a hearing by Legislature.

"It's beyond their (Legislature) authority," said President Wilfrid Cleveland. "They overstep their bounds. As it is, the president is guessing who they would approve – who they would want as executive directors."

But there were some people who agreed with the present system and disagreed with the proposed change.

Crystal Herriage said the process provides a means for people to oversee the proce-

dure, not having one person who directs everything.

"There's a reason for that," Herriage said. "One person and one family should not be running everything for the Ho-Chunk Nation. No, I am not in favor of this."

The resolution was defeated by a vote of 31.9 percent (450) in favor, 55.8 percent (787) against and 12.3 percent (173) abstaining.

Joyce Warner introduced a resolution to establish a Department of Agriculture and to move the Department of Natural Resources under the umbrella of the Executive branch of the Ho-Chunk Nation government.

"We need to grow food without pesticides and chemicals. We need food that is healthy so that we don't get diseases like diabetes," Warner said. "We need to give ourselves a clean environment."

Gloria Visintin said that often the streams are contaminated because of farm runoff and wells are contaminated from frac sand mining operations. She said she supported the Ho-Chunk Nation to venture into agriculture.

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The Guardian's "Native American kids who get \$200k for graduating" gets it wrong

Marlon WhiteEagle
Editor

Why is it so interesting for media outlets to look at Ho-Chunk high school graduates and their trust fund money? I figure they must be keeping tabs on the process of assimilation efforts that have been outlined by years of government policy.

They must be thinking, "When these Indians start spending their money wisely, like us white people, we've completely assimilated them." I'm still waiting for the positive "18 money" story from some news source. But is that newsworthy?

We've seen the "18 money" story covered by numerous local newspapers and TV news. Now "18 money" has gone international with a 16 minute video produced by Jenny Kleeman of the Guardian, a London daily newspaper with an online presence.

The documentary, "Native American kids who get \$200k for graduating", released on July 29, can be viewed at the Guardian's website or on YouTube.

The title will have you believe that a bunch of native kids got \$200,000 because they simply graduated high school. Graduating from high school is something that most American kids do before entering college or joining the workforce or military. Some don't even graduate, including Ho-Chunk students.

The title will also have you believe that each native graduate will receive the same amount: \$200k. The Ho-Chunk Nation only enrolls Ho-Chunk children with at least a quarter blood quantum, with the enrollment process initiated by the Ho-Chunk child's parents or grandparents. Sometimes, parents don't enrolled their children right away or at all. So stating that each native kids gets \$200k is misleading, but makes for a short, ballpark figure.

Lastly, on the title, are 18 year olds still kids? 18 year olds are the youngest of young adults. But at age 18, you can vote, join the military,

and are legally responsible for yourself. The high school graduation ceremony, or commencement ceremony, is the acknowledgement of entering adulthood or "the real world".

"Chasing wealth and the American Dream is not a Ho-Chunk way" might be a more accurate title. Or a more sarcastic title would be, "What are you going to buy with your 18 money?" That seems to be what's most interesting.

The documentary focused on the Black River Falls High School Ho-Chunk graduates of the Class of 2015 as they approached graduation day. Kleeman planned her five-day visit in conjunction with the graduation day.

Kleeman said she first heard about "18 money" in 2013 while in a Utah meeting with the Division of Indian Affairs. The topic peaked her interest because she wondered if having a large sum of money would have made becoming an adult easier.

Like all the "18 money" stories, the Ho-Chunk students get asked, "What are you going to buy when you get your money?" Generally, we hear about a cars, trips, and going to college. That's relatively normal for the age group. We also tend to hear the stories of alcohol, drugs, and blowing money within a couple months.

In Kleeman's "18 money" story we hear the same thing. We also hear that graduation rates have gone up since 2001. This gives the impression that Ho-Chunk high school kids are only motivated by receiving the money. It should be the goal of the school district to increase graduation rates for everyone.

Kleeman proceeds to ask non-Ho-chunk students how they feel about Ho-Chunk graduates receiving a trust fund once they graduate. I feel that's a tangent of what the documentary is really about: Ho-Chunk graduates.

I think society needs to recognize the difference between native and non-native. Tribal members get assigned tribal ID numbers in addition to a

social security number to keep track of our population. Tribes are monitored by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, under the Department of Interior, just like the nation's natural resource and wildlife. Where's the Bureau of Germans, or British, or Irish? There's the difference.

One of the documentary's most on point clips is an interview with the school maintenance man, Wayne Wentholt. Wentholt said if someone gave him a large sum of money, he might not be there himself.

"I would have spent the money on a fast car, drugs, and alcohol. It's an 18 thing (not a Ho-Chunk thing)," said Wentholt.

Kleeman interviewed Traditional Chief Clayton Winneshiek while she toured Ho-Chunk Gaming-Black River Falls.

"The kids these days have it worse than my parents and grandparents had it. There's so much out there that takes away from who we are. We are losing our children to it; this money that they get. That's a big part of it," said Winneshiek.

Once again, Kleeman goes to collect the opinion of non-Ho-Chunk on a purely Ho-Chunk issue. She goes to a bar to talk about "18 money." Don't you have to be 21 to go to a bar? Now, we've gone from Native American kids getting \$200k for graduating to Ho-Chunks getting Net Profit Distribution from gaming.

A couple of bartenders from Sunset Tavern are interviewed.

"We see what they do with their money so that makes you a little sour. You see them at Walmart on the first of the month. And you see the things that they're buying ... it's nothing but garbage. Then they turn around and sell it because they want to come out here and drink," says one of the bartenders.

I wonder what question Kleeman asked. Was it pertaining to "18 money"? It sounds like the bartenders are

generalizing about Ho-Chunk people. Another person at the bar talks about prejudice shoved in your face and that he doesn't believe anyone is "owed that." Again, what question is he answering?

After the bar scene, Kleeman took a tour with Ne-homah Thundercloud to tribal communities in Black River Falls. Kleeman asked Thundercloud what prejudices she believed were held by white Americans.

"That we are drunk and poor. Or that all Indians have casinos. I think in reality there's a few tribes that have found gaming to be successful," said Thundercloud.

"Through purchasing land we have some housing subdivisions that are in the Jackson County area."

"You've actually bought some land from the profits from the casinos? You've bought American land and turned it into Ho-Chunk land?" Kleeman asked.

"There's kind of an irony to that? They've took that land away from you, and now you're buying it back," continued Kleeman.

Kleeman and Thundercloud continue their discussion at the powwow grounds.

"Would you say that the Ho-Chunk Nation has a different attitude towards money than Americans do?" asked Kleeman.

"Yes. I would agree with that. When you grow up with very limited funds, it's very difficult to plan for the future. We come from a more community thought. Not just our nuclear family, but extended family, making sure we're taking care of everyone. There's more honor and prestige in giving, than in accumulating," replied Thundercloud.

Kleeman's next stop is a visit with President Jon Greendeer. Kleeman explains Greendeer wanted to change the payment of "18 money".

"Dropping \$100,000 on someone who just turned 18 is not the right thing to do. So change has to come. The community has to embrace

and welcome. There's a long learning curve for financial success. And it's not going to happen overnight," said Greendeer.

Kleeman summed it up best in an interview with Leader-Telegram Reporter Chuck Rupnow for his story, "British filmmaker examines Ho-Chunk's '18 money' program."

"These kids aren't like New York trust fund kids who get a huge endowment when they come of age — they don't have generations of experience behind them telling them how best to use their money. It's something they have to work out themselves, in their own time," said Kleeman.

So what is the solution? Do we need to change the way Children's Trust Funds are distributed?

My knowledge of trust funds comes from the TV show, Beverly Hills, 90210. The character Dylan McKay is a trust fund kid. When he wanted to spend money, he'd have to get approval from an advisor. Dylan didn't just buy the Peach Pit, a restaurant in the show, on a whim.

The grads need to be connected to a similar advisor. Having an extra safeguard between the account holder and the money will ensure good spending practices. It'd be great to see more or all the kids put their money to work for them.

Whose responsibility is it to provide financial options to Ho-Chunk graduates? I'm sure we have tribal members with skills to advise the grads on handling their trust fund money.

During a recent Family Wellness Retreat, James Anderson, the son of Famous Dave Anderson, said money is a resource. Money is a resource that will allow us access to other resources. In the case of "18 money," the other resources should be more money with a college education, being qualified for higher paying jobs, a better quality of life, and later in life a large savings for retirement.

Skenandore sworn in as Associate Supreme Court judge

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

Samantha Skenandore has a new role within the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Skenandore was sworn in as Associate Supreme Court Justice at a special ceremony at the Executive Building atrium on Wednesday, September 23.

The oath was given by Ho-Chunk Election Board Chair Bridget Schultz.

Offering words of support was former President Jon Greendeer, who offered her a gift for the occasion. The gift was a gavel made by the family from white cedar.

Skenandore also received a Pendleton from Myrna Little-

wolf of the Election Board.

Skenandore has been a practicing attorney since 2006, spending 110 to 200 hours a month performing research and working on cases.

"I have been privileged to work in private practice," she said. "It will help me bring in a perspective from an outside arena."

She believes the Ho-Chunk Nation has a good precedence of giving clear explanations and reasoning in the decisions brought before the court.

"For 20 years, they have spent a lot of time and energy on their decisions. Often other native courts decisions don't explain a lot. They have spent

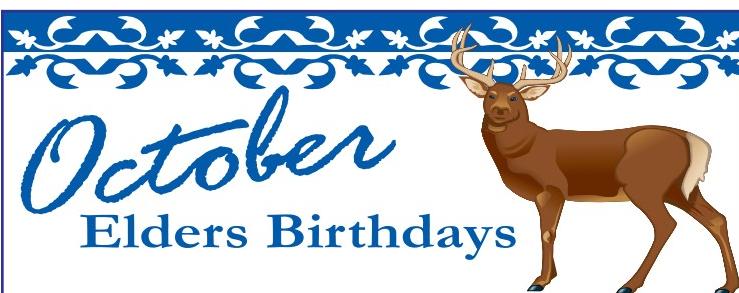
a great deal of time providing thorough decisions, all reasoning consistent in the ways of administrative justice."

Supreme Court justices don't just spend all their time hearing individual cases, she said. They also review judicial rules and pay close attention to how those rules are applied.

"We have to be meticulous to make sure everyone has access to justice and access to the law," Skenandore said. "The goal for the judiciary is to set rules so people have as much access to law as possible."



Samantha Skenandore (right) receives the oath of Associate Supreme Court Justice from Election Board Chair Bridget Schultz.



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Blue Wing invites you all to the Fall Harvest 2015

Date: October 10, 2015, Saturday
Time: 10:30AM (Pot luck Healthy Brunch dishes/snack to share)
Local: Tomah Youth Services & Health Building, 430 Julie Street, Tomah, WI

"Come support and join the organic/indigenous gardening happening in the Ho-Chunk Nation communities and together we shall bring health & wellness to our people."

NOON: Informational Booths and demo Booths - Drying squash, drying corn, canning, make cowboy bread, herbal booth.

6:00PM – Green Corn singing & dancing.

Volunteers are welcome to assist.

Contact Melanie Stacy at HHCDA:

608-374-1245 or 608-343-2010



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Sparta Battle of the Badges Blood Drive set for Oct. 10

Submitted by Tracy Fox,
American Red Cross

Eligible blood donors in the Sparta area are being asked to roll up their sleeves and partner with local first responders in the Battle of the Badges blood drive with the Monroe County Sheriff's Department, Sparta Ambulance Services, Sparta Fire and Sparta Police Department.

The Sparta community hosts Red Cross blood drives regularly but was looking for a way to provide a unique lifesaving opportunity. Blood drive coordinator, Connie Jerome, said, "Sparta is very generous when it comes to donating blood. I am hoping this blood drive enhances and provides yet another wonderful opportunity to help save

lives."

Attendees are able to make a blood donation on behalf of the participating departments. Although the departments have fun competing, the real goal is to raise awareness about the constant need for blood and how the community can make a difference. "We work very closely with all the departments involved and usually have shared staff. It's nice to get together for a fun event versus an actual call," said Staci Tenner, Sparta Area Ambulance Director.

Battle of the Badges Blood Drive

October 10, 2015 from 7:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at the Sparta Fire Station #2, 118 E Oak Street. Sparta, WI 54656

On average, the Red Cross

must collect about 15,000 pints of blood every day to meet the needs of patients across the country. Donors with all blood types are needed, especially those with types O negative, A negative and B negative. To make a donation appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit redcross-blood.org.

How to donate blood

Simply download the American Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) to make an appointment or for more information. All blood types are needed to ensure a reliable supply for patients. A blood donor card or driver's license or two other forms of identi-



**American
Red Cross**

fication are required at check-in. Individuals who are 17 years of age (16 with parental consent in some states), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in generally good health may be eligible to donate blood. High school students and other donors 18 years of age and younger also have to meet certain height and weight requirements.

About the American Red Cross

The American Red Cross shelters, feeds and provides

emotional support to victims of disasters; supplies about 40 percent of the nation's blood; teaches skills that save lives; provides international humanitarian aid; and supports military members and their families. The Red Cross is a not-for-profit organization that depends on volunteers and the generosity of the American public to perform its mission. For more information, please visit redcross.org or visit us on Twitter at @RedCross.

Simplify your workout!

Submitted by Kathleen Clemons, Exercise Physiologist

Do you skip your workout because at times it feels too complicated? Well try the simple routine below. It can be done in a chair, standing, low impact or high impact. Fit it to your current fitness level. The program is 10 minutes long. If you did it three times a day, that would be your thirty minutes. And, if you did it five times a week, that would be your 150 minutes – the recommended amount of physical activity we should all be getting in. So don't delay, put some fun music on or your favorite TV show and start moving!

10 exercises, 1 minute each
You need you and a stopwatch or clock

1. Alternating kicks
2. Alternating punches
3. Alternating knees up
4. Alternating punch across your body
5. Alternating leg taps to the side
6. Shoulder rolls – both shoulders same time, do some front and do some back
7. Alternating heel digs - tap heel in front of you on the floor
8. Alternate swim arms – act like you are in a pool and just swimming a front stroke
9. Heel raises – both at same time
10. Stand up sit downs – do very slow and at your own pace

For personalized programs, contact the Exercise Physiologist in your area. Black River Falls – Kathleen Clemons – 715-284-9851, ext. 5308. Tomah, Dells, LaCrosse – Chris Frederick – 888-552-7889, ext 5611. Wittenberg, Nekoosa – Jess Artz – 715-886-5444, ext. 8764.



October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month!

Ho-Chunk Nation Domestic Abuse Division is hosting community walks to bring awareness to this devastating issue. Please come and join us for a nice walk, great information for the whole family, and a chance to win some amazing prizes!

"Love Shouldn't Hurt..."

October 6th 10a-2p WI Dells, House of Wellness
 October 9th 10a-2p Green Bay, Branch Office
 October 13th 10a-2p BRF, Executive Building
 October 15th 2p-5p Wittenberg, Potch Chee Nunk
 October 19th 10a-2p Tomah, Winnebago Park
 October 21st 10a-2p La Crosse, Burns Park
 October 23rd 10a-2p Nekoosa, Riverside Park

Together, we can take a stand, make a difference, and save a life!

HCN Domestic Abuse Division Domestic Abuse Crisis Hotline: 1-877-847-8689

Special Thanks to:

Pac Haci Youth Council holds Prevent Suicide Conference

Submitted by Lynette Le-Garde/HCN Legislature-PR

The Pac Haci Youth Council held the Prevent Suicide Conference on September 18-20, 2015 at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, Wisconsin. Aliyah Cloud-Pac Haci Youth Council President, Lanette Walker-Youth Service Program Director and Vice President Darren Brinegar

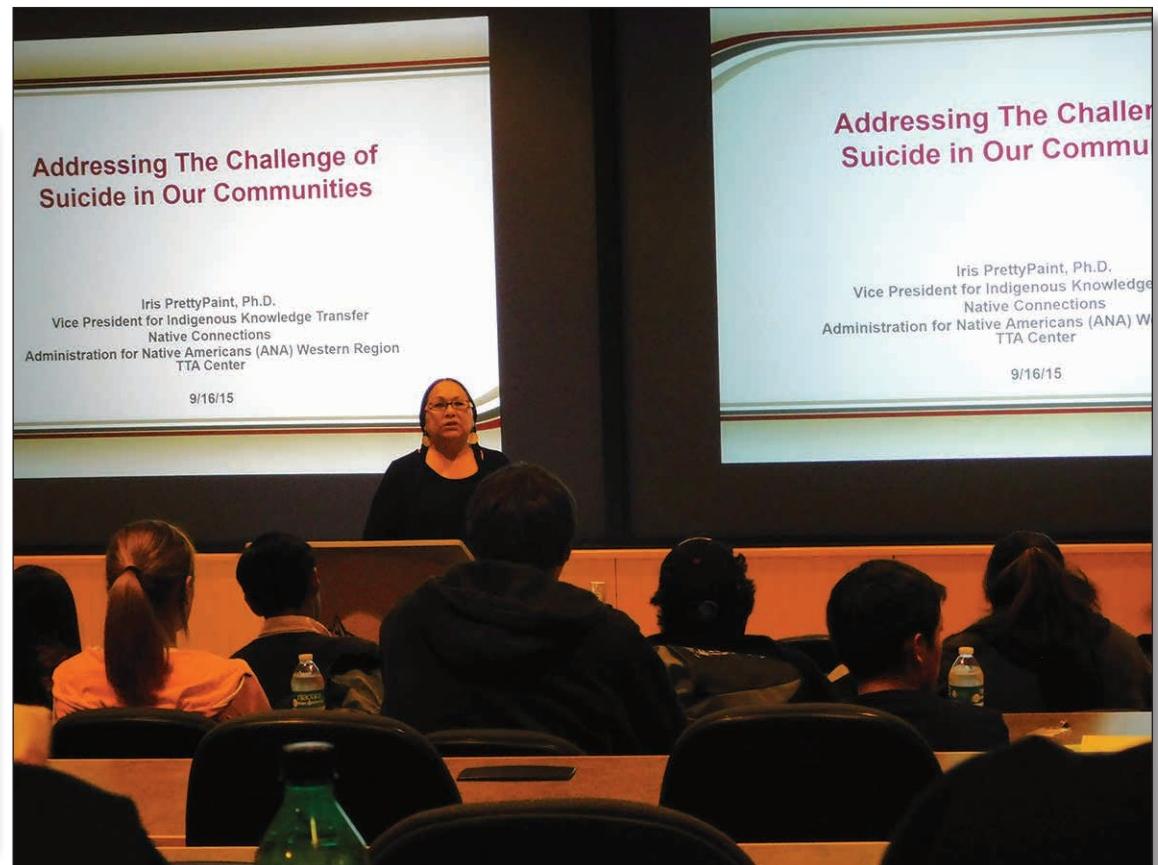
made opening remarks to the crowd and welcomed the attendees to the conference.

The keynote speaker Iris PrettyPaint, Ph.D. revealed data she has been collecting about suicide in Native American communities. 50% of people who die from suicide have major depression. 90% of people who commit suicide have a mental disor-

der. Suicide programs that are successful must have a tie into the leadership of the tribe for buy-in and success of a program. Dr. PrettyPaint has been working on a study that focuses on what makes us strong. What makes a person healthy

and happy? She wanted to focus on the strengths and build a strategic cultural approach which takes into consideration spiritual beliefs, language, elders, songs, dances, art, sweats, powwows, sports, talking circles, 5K, golf, etc.

The conference had break-out sessions which covered topics on domestic violence, AODA, mental health, leadership, identity/historical trauma, and mental health.



Pac Haci Youth Council President Aliyah Cloud gives a welcome and opening remarks at the Prevent Suicide Conference on September 18 at Northcentral Technical College in Wausau, WI.

Iris PrettyPaint, Ph.D., addresses conference participants. During her keynote speech, she shared her knowledge of statistics and efforts to prevent suicide.

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**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
HCG-DELLS
BARABOO, WI
AUGUST 18, 2015**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland - P

Rep. Andrea Estebo-P

Vice President Darren Brinegar -P

Rep. David Greendeer-P

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P

Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P

Rep. Lori Pettibone -P

Rep. Henning Garvin -P

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin -EX

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit -P

Rep. Matt Mullen - P

Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit -P

Rep. Robert TwoBears-P

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 10:04a.m.

Opening Prayer: Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the agenda with adding Under New Business- O. Madison Youth Center Check Deposit, moving up Item E. True Increase Budget Modification for Elevator at Three Rivers, and tabling K. Resolution-Authorization to Place the Proposed Probate Code, P. Renewable Energy. Second by Rep. Robert TwoBears. 11-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:

Regular Legislative Meeting July 23, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the July 23, 2015 Legislative meeting minutes with corrections.

Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Special Legislative Meeting July 30, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve the July 30, 2015, Special Legislative meeting minutes as presented. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Committee Reports:

Development July 28, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the July 28, 2015 Development Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Health, Social Services & Insurance July 28, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to approve the July 28, 2015 Health, Social Services & Insurance meeting minutes with corrections.

Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 12-0-0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Finance June 24, 2015-Correction

MOTION by Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit to approve the June 24, 2015 Finance Committee meeting minutes

with corrections. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-1 (Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Administration August 17, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the August 17, 2015 Administration Committee meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0.

MOTION CARRIED.

LaCrosse Branch Office True Increase Request:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to approve the LaCrosse Branch Office True Budget Increase Request in the amount of \$ 22,987.00. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 12-0-0.

MOTION CARRIED.

Economic Diversification - Rep. Matt Mullen

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to table Twelve Clans Item until later in the meeting. Second by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Lynwood Property - Fred Barofsky & Anne Byrne-11:00 a.m.:

William Lowe was available to provide an update on the Lynwood Property. Fred Barofsky and Anne Byrne provided an update on the progress of work completed at the Lynwood Property.

Twelve Clans Inc.- Rep. Matt Mullen:

A small, short narrative of a six month budget was provided. This would be for an initial start-up budget for the first six months of planning, strategy and organizational structure creation. The board members of Twelve Clans Inc. were available by conference call.

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to approve the \$166,570.00 from the Restricted Account for the startup cost for Twelve Clans Inc. Second by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Andrea Estebo out of the room

Resolution-National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation:

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt **Resolution 08-18-15 A**, National Congress of American Indians Tribal Membership Delegate-Alternate Designation. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Acceptance of Application of Robert Reider to be Interim Director of the Department of Business.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to adopt the Resolution-Acceptance of Application of Robert Reider to be Interim Director of the Department of Business.

MOTION DIES FOR A LACK OF A SECOND.
Resolution-Denial of Acceptance of Application of Robert Reider to be Interim Director of the Business

Department.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 08-18-15 B**, Denial of Acceptance of Application of Robert Reider to be Interim Director of the Business Department. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 9-2(Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit, Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit)-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization of Land Lease on Lot #4 of Blue Wing East #439 T 2163 for Geraldine Rochester.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 08-18-15 C**, Authorization of Land Lease Lot #4 of Blue Wing East #439 T 2163 for Geraldine Rochester. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorizing Closing of Capital Projects Closeout of HCG-BRF Alarm Project.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 08-18-15 D**, Authorizing Closing of Capital Projects Closeouts of HCG-BRF Alarm Project. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for a Full Time Ho-Chunk Language Teacher at the Nikuusra Community School.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to adopt **Resolution 08-18-15 E**, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from the Annual Gaming Compact Payments in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for a Full Time Ho-Chunk Language Teacher at the Nikuusra Community School. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Signature Approval for Wisconsin Rapids River Kings Junior Hockey Club-Vice President Darren Brinegar

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to authorize Vice President Darren Brinegar to sign the Wisconsin Rapids River Kings Junior Hockey Club Agreement upon final review by Legislative Counsel. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-1 (Vice President Darren Brinegar) **MOTION CARRIED.**

BIA Secretarial Election-Michael Murphy, Legislative Counsel:

At the 2013 General Council, three resolutions passed that call for specific amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution (thus requiring a Secretarial Election). The Legislature responded in November 2013, by adopting Resolution 11-05-13 F, Appointment to Initiate Department of the Interior Secretarial Election Process for General Council Resolutions 9/28/13-1, 9/28/13-5, and 9/28/13-6. The resolution did not list persons by name, but states two from Executive Branch, two from Legislative

Branch and two from General Council Agency.

MOTION by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to appoint Rep. Henning Garvin and Tara Swallow as Legislative Branch representatives and for the Office of the President to provide formal notification to the BIA on the appointments. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen. 11-0-1(Rep. Henning Garvin). **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda: Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Budget Modification Increase-Bridgette Schultz

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to amend the agenda to hear the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Budget Modification Increase next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Budget Modification Increase-Bridgette Schultz

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Finance Committee the Ho-Chunk Nation Election Board Budget Modification Increase of \$165,812.00. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to recognize Ryan Greendeer, Bridgette Schultz as the representation for the Executive Branch appointments and Joy Thompson-Bonano and Merlin Crowe as the General Council Agency appointments for the Secretarial Election Board, and for the Office of the President to provide an official notification to the BIA regarding the appointments.

Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payment in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the Tiger Youth Basketball Association.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt **Resolution 08-18-15 F**, Authorization to Deduct Amounts from Annual Gaming Compact Payments in Fiscal Year 2015-2016 for the Tiger Youth Basketball Association. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 11-0-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

TERO Commission Appointment of Sidney Lewis-Rep. Robert TwoBears:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to appoint Sidney Lewis as a TERO Commissioner. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit out of the room.

Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC §1)-Michael Murphy

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to table the Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC § 1). Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Madison Youth Center-Rep. Henning Garvin:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to deposit the \$1,500.00 donation from the Madison Community Foundation and to place those funds in the Special Events line item in the Youth Services budget designated for use by the Madison Youth Center as intended by the donor. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Renewable Energy Endeavor (Gary Funmaker)

-Rep. Robert TwoBears: **MOTION** by Rep. Robert TwoBears to refer the Renewable Energy Endeavor back to the Development Committee. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-5(VP Darren Brinegar, Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Lori Pettibone, Rep. Andrea Estebo, Rep. David Greendeer)-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Break for Lunch:
Lunch at 11:55 am

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to recess for lunch at 11:55 a.m. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 1:59 p.m.

Roll Call: President Wilfrid Cleveland - P

Vice President Darren Brinegar-P

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-P

Rep. Douglas Greengrass- P

Rep. Lori Pettibone – P

Rep. Andrea Estebo-P

Rep. David Greendeer- P

Rep. Henning Garvin -P

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin -EX

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit – P

Rep. Matt Mullen - P

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit -P

Rep. Robert TwoBears- P

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established at 1:59 p.m.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to amend the agenda to hear the Ethics Review Board Presentation next on the agenda. Second by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 12-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Andrea Estebo leaves at 2:35 p.m.

Ethics Review Board Presentation:

Members of the Ethics Review Board were present to discuss proposed amendments that were made through the board and legislators. The Code of Ethics has gone out for comment and the comments have been reviewed at an Ethics Review Board Meeting. The ERB provided talking points to the Amended Code of Ethics. Talking Points: ERB Proposed Comments to Resolution 03-03-15 L, ERB Proposed Edits to the Code of Ethics Act as last Amended by Resolution 04-08-14L, the original Code of Ethics called for the Attorney General to write Preliminary Advisory Opinions when requested and limited the requests to only the Executive Branch, the last revisions shifted

the Preliminary Advisory Opinions to be written by the Ethics Review Board but carried forward the limitation that requests could only come from the Executive Branch, this would allow Public Officials from any branch of Ho-Chunk Government to request a Preliminary Advisory Opinion from the Ethics Review Board.

Frivolous Complaints- Revision brings clarity to the prosecution of a final decision concerning a frivolous complaint.

Rep. Henning Garvin mentions one of the concerns was the dollar value of any gifts that were received from elected officials that had to be reported to the ERB. It was made mention of an investigation that was requested from Madison and Milwaukee regarding allegations of wrong doing by the Ethics Review Board.

FOR THE RECORD: Per the Ho-Chunk Nation Attorney General Amanda WhiteEagle, an investigation did occur and it didn't provide any information to show that the Ethics Review Board had operated outside of the laws of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Rep. Andrea Estebo left for a family emergency.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to move into Executive Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-1(Vice President Darren Brinegar)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2:46 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to move into Open Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer 8-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

3:14 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Resolution-Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC § 1).

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt **Resolution 08-18-15 G**, Amendments to the Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC § 1). Second by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Note: The Crimes Against Public Officials Act would need to be looked at in the future, to be sure the definitions of public officials are consistent across the board.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to place the amended Ho-Chunk Nation Code of Ethics Act (2 HCC § 1) out for a Forty-Five Day Public Comment. Second by Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

DISTRICT MEETINGS: **District 1-Black River Falls Area Meeting:**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to approve Melissa Olvera as the District 1 Delegate for the General Council Agency. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

CARRIED.

Rep. Kathy DeCamp out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to appoint Angie Greengrass-McDonald as the District 1 Alternate for the Election Board Member. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 10-0-0.

Rep. Kathy DeCamp out of the room.

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to Legislative Counsel, Office of the President, and Attorney General, the MOTION by Forrest Funmaker to see that an injunction be done through one of the Federal Courts based on the Resolution 04-04-15 L, Declaration of Extraterritoriality and the funding that will go with it. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0

MOTION CARRIED. **Rep. Kathy DeCamp out of the room.**

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to refer to Office of the President, Department of Business, the MOTION by Barb Littlewolf to request whoever made the decision to change the point system regarding free play, hotel rooms, and the buffet at the Casinos to be at the next area meeting with an explanation. Second by Rep. Douglas Greengrass. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2-Baraboo Area Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Office of the President and Department of Business the MOTION by Robert Mobley to change the signage at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells from elder parking to Ho-Chunk Elder/Ho-Chunk Handicapped parking. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.** **Rep. Kathy DeCamp returns.**

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to refer to the Office of the President, Department of Business the MOTION by Robert Funmaker to freeze the Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells employee incentive budget until it can be properly evaluated and improved. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 2- La Crosse Area Meeting:

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Donald Greengrass to fast track the elevator repair; fire alarms system upgrade due to the loss of handicap accessibility at the Three Rivers House.

District 2-Tomah Area Meeting:

No motions

District 2-Madison Area Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to refer Office of the President, the MOTION by Maryls Whiteagle for all Ho-Chunk Nation Departments and Divisions to provide all necessary in kind services and resources to coordinate and conduct the annual General Council Meeting. Second by

Rep. David Greendeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert TwoBears out of the room.

District 3- Wittenberg Area Meeting:

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to General Council Agency, the MOTION by Cici Antone to accept Myrna Littlewolf as the Wittenberg General Council Agency Delegate. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to General Council Agency, the MOTION by Cici Antone to have the September Wittenberg Area Meeting to have the 2014/15 and 2015/16 to have the General Council Agency entire budget with breakdowns. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Dolli Bigjohn effective immediately August 10, 2015, Myrna Littlewolf being as the Wittenberg General Council Agency Delegate.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to HHCDA, the MOTION by Cici Antone HHCDA make it a priority for 2015 to implement the walking trail, sidewalk and street lights on Robin Road and Wittburn Townline Road; with construction to begin on Wittburn Townline Road. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 10-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert TwoBears out of the room.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to Office of the President the Wittenberg Area Meeting discussion the Labor Department Inspector review the KARCZ Construction Homes. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Henning Garvin, Rep. Robert TwoBears out of the room.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Dolli Bigjohn that the entire Executive Branch receive Phone Etiquette Training immediately. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 8-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

READ FOR THE RECORD:

MOTION by Dolli Bigjohn that the District 3 Legislators not confirm Carol Garvin as the Executive Director of Personnel.

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to refer to Office of the President the MOTION by Myrna Littlewolf that all customer comment cards will be used in the 30/90 day and yearly Employee Evaluations positively or negatively. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 9-1(Rep. Lori Pettibone)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Rep. Robert TwoBears returns.

MOTION by Vice President

Darren Brinegar to refer to the Legislative Chief Communications Officer and the Office of the President the Wittenberg Area Meeting discussion that some type of recognition signage for the Nation's properties of Red Banks, Custer (Kluck Property), and Prairie Du Chien. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 4-Milwaukee Area Meeting:

MOTION by Vice President Darren Brinegar to table the Milwaukee Area Meeting minutes until the next Legislative Meeting. Second by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0. **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5-Chicago Area Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Matt Mullen to refer to Office of the President, the Department of Education and Treasury the MOTION by John Dall to request the Directors of Education & Treasury, as well as the President of the Ho-Chunk Nation to attend next month's Chicago Area Meeting in September to discuss the At-Large Trust Fund distribution process. Second by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

District 5- St. Paul Area Meeting:

MOTION by Rep. Merlin Crow for Legislature to match the funds with Nekoosa Charter School to fund a full time Language and Culture Teacher for school year 2015/2016 in the Nikuusra Community School.

MOTION by Rep. Kathy DeCamp to refer to the Office of the President the MOTION by Anita Naquayouma to have Laurel Meeks present at the September Area Meeting with the following information:

How many Ho-Chunks applied, how many Ho-Chunk got accepted, how many non-natives applied and/ accepted, and the admission policy being used. Second by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

2nd Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Time: 3:49 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 10-1(Rep. Greg Blackdeer)-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

Out: 4:50 p.m.

MOTION by Henning Garvin to ratify action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit. 10-0-1 (Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Recess:

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to recess the meeting to Black River Falls for Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin 11-0-0 **MOTION CARRIED.**

The Legislative meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m. Respectfully submitted by, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
TRIBAL EXECUTIVE
OFFICES
BLACK RIVER FALLS,
WI
AUGUST 19, 2015**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland - P
Vice President Darren Brinegar - P
Rep. Greg Blackdeer - P
Rep. Douglas Greengrass - P
Rep. Lori Pettibone - P
Rep. Andrea Estebo - teleconference
Rep. Henning Garvin - P
Rep. David Greendeer - teleconference
Rep. Kathy DeCamp - P
Rep. Shelby Visintin - teleconference
Rep. Robert TwoBears - P
Rep. Matt Mullen - teleconference
Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit - teleconference
Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit - P

Determination of Quorum: Quorum is established.

Opening Prayer: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered a prayer.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 13-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

10:05 a.m.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to go out of executive session. Second Rep. Henning Garvin. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

3:42 p.m. **Rep. Shelby Visintin left the meeting.**

Travel

Global Gaming Expo (G2E)- September 28-October 1, 2015-Las Vegas, NV-VP Darren Brinegar

MOTION by VP Darren Brinegar to approve up to 4 Legislators to attend G2E Conference, September 28 – October 1, 2015, Las Vegas, with a trip report and reconciliation due to the following Finance Committee meeting. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 11-1(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0

MOTION CARRIED.

NAFOA's 2015 Fall Finance & Tribal Economies Conference-September 13-15, 2015-Boston MA-VP Darren Brinegar

MOTION by VP Darren Brinegar to approve up to 3 Legislators to attend NAFOA 2015 Fall Finance & Tribal Economics Conference, September 13-15, 2015, in Boston, MA, a trip report and reconciliation due to the following Finance Committee meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 10-2(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit)-0

MOTION CARRIED.

National Tribal Energy Summit-September 24-25, 2015-Washington D.C.-Rep. David Greendeer

MOTION by Rep. Henning

Garvin to authorize Rep. David Greendeer to attend all ICIDWG events, with trip reports and reconciliation due to the following Finance Committee meeting. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-0-1(Rep. David Greendeer)

MOTION CARRIED.

Travois Annual Conference, Sept. 21 – 23, 2015, New Orleans, LA – VP Darren Brinegar

MOTION by VP Darren Brinegar to approve up to 5 Legislators or designee to attend the Travois Annual Conference, September 21-23, 2015, New Orleans, LA, with a trip report and reconciliation due to the following Housing Committee meeting. Second by Rep. Andrea Estebo. 11-1(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-0

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Henning Garvin. 13-0-0.

MOTION CARRIED. Rep. Shelby Visintin out of the meeting.

Out: 3:47 p.m.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda: **MOTION** by Rep. Lori Pettibone to amend the agenda to review the Grant of Electric and Quick Passage to the TERO Ordinance. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 12-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Grant of Electric Transmission Line Easement for American Transmission Company, LLC.

MOTION by Rep. Henning Garvin to adopt resolution 08-19-15B, Grant of Electric Transmission Line Easement for American Transmission Company, LLC. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 9-1(Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit)-2(Rep. David Greendeer, Rep. Andrea Estebo). **MOTION CARRIED.**

Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (6 HCC § 3)

MOTION by Rep. Lori Pettibone to adopt resolution 08-19-15C, Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (6 HCC § 3). Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 11-0-1(Rep. Robert TwoBears) **MOTION CARRIED.**

Adjournment:

MOTION by Rep. Robert TwoBears to adjourn to the next Legislative meeting to Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Lori Pettibone. 11-1(Rep. Kathy DeCamp)-0.

MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative meeting adjourns at 4:00 p.m.
Respectfully submitted by,

Kathyleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

**HO-CHUNK NATION
LEGISLATURE
REGULAR MEETING
BLUEWING (TAU
BUILDING)
TOMAH, WI
SEPTEMBER 9, 2015**

Call to Order: President Wilfrid Cleveland calls the meeting to order at 9:37 a.m.

Roll Call:

President Wilfrid Cleveland - P

Rep. Andrea Estebo-P

Vice President Darren

Brinegar -P

Rep. David Greendeer-P

Rep. Greg Blackdeer-(10:09)

Rep. Douglas Greengrass-P

Rep. Lori Pettibone - EX

Rep. Henning Garvin -EX

Rep. Kathy DeCamp-P

Rep. Shelby Visintin -EX

Rep. Forrest Whiterabbit -EX

Rep. Matt Mullen - P

Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-

Whiterabbit (9:41)

Rep. Robert TwoBears- P

Determination of Quorum:

Quorum is established at 9:37 a.m.

Opening Prayer: Wilfrid Cleveland offered a word of prayer.

Approval of Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the agenda. Second by Vice President Darren Brinegar.

7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Rep. Kathyleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit available by conference call at 9:41 a.m.

Executive Session:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to go into Executive Session. Second by Rep. Matt Mullen 8-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

9:42 a.m.

Rep. Greg Blackdeer arrives at 10:09 a.m., Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit arrives at 10:30 a.m.

3:55 p.m. **Rep. Robert**

TwoBears left the meeting.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to move to Open Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen LoneTree-Whiterabbit to ratify all action taken in Executive Session. Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

TRAVEL

National Congress American Indians 72nd Annual Convention

San Diego, CA-October 18-24, 2015

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any legislator and/or professional staff to attend NCAI 72nd Annual Convention in San Diego, CA, October 18-23, 2015.

Second by Rep. Kathy DeCamp. 7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. David Greendeer to approve the agenda. Second by Vice

President Darren Brinegar.

7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Amendment to the Agenda:

MOTION by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit to approve any legislator and/or professional staff to attend NCAI 72nd Annual Convention in San Diego, CA, October 18-23, 2015.

Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

Resolution-Authorization and Creation of Tribal Employment Rights Work Group:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to amend the agenda, adding Resolution-Authorization and Creation of Tribal Employment Rights Workgroup. Second by Rep. Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit. 7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

Resolution- Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorization and Creation of Tribal Employment Right Work Group:

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adopt **Resolution 09-09-15 A**, Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Authorization and Creation of Tribal Employment Rights Work Group. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Rep. Andrea Estebo to adjourn until Tuesday September 22, 2015, to the next Legislative meeting located at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. David Greendeer. 7-0-0

MOTION CARRIED.

The Legislative Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by, Kathleen Lone Tree-Whiterabbit, Tribal Secretary

MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 5

CHICAGO AREA MEETING

**Monday, October 12, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
Chicago Branch Office
4738 N. Milwaukee Ave.
Chicago, IL 60634**

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL AREA MEETING

**Thursday, October 15, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
St. Paul Branch Office
1724 Selby Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55107**

Posted on: Tuesday, September 29, 2015



**HO-CHUNK NATION
PEOPLE OF THE BIG VOICE**

General Council

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But Sandra Blackdeer disagreed.

"We already have too many departments," she said. "I think it will be going by the way, just like the bison farm and Whirling Thunder. And as for eating healthy – you don't have to go out and buy pizza and soda. You can make things from scratch. It's not unheard of."

The resolution passed with 61.5 percent (899) who approve, 30.7 percent (449) against and 7.7 percent (113) abstaining from the vote.

A resolution to approve the General Council Agency's budget was met with stiff opposition, failing to be passed by a vote of 29.7 percent (463) agreeing, 61 percent (952) against and 9.3 percent (952) abstaining.

According to the Appropriation and Budget Act, the General Council Agency must submit a budget for the General Council on an annual basis.

The \$1.36 million budget drew some harsh criticism from several speakers, while being defended by members of GCA.

"I question if this should be approved while GCA is being investigated and while there is \$70,000 in funds that is unrecouped," said Hazel Guerrero. "I don't understand why they still have control."

"It's hard to approve over \$1 million when we can't even see what it is for," said Gloria Visitin.

"The budget is in a booklet that you received today," Said Joy Thompson of the GCA.

Mandy Mann pointed out a portion on the budget on page 60.

"The mileage paid is outrageous," Mann said. "Someone needs to look at this budget."

"What are they doing with all this mileage they are claiming? This is not even training with all this mileage," said Nuria Ortiz.

Rhonda Hunt of the GCA pointed out that a lot of the budget is used for General Council meetings and that it is a lot of work to produce the meeting.

Jeremy Rockman brought forth a resolution to provide funding for the Veterans Home Ownership Act. It has been four years since the policies and procedures protocol was presented to the Legislature and the public comment period was held and expired

with no adverse comments.

The Veterans Advisory Board contacted Rockman to draft the resolution to be presented to General Council for the purposes of making the HCN Veterans Affairs Division a separate and autonomous department and have the ability to determine the veterans who will receive housing.

The resolution objected that HCN Housing, in March 2015, indicated that only "combat veterans" receive a home, to which Rockman objected.

The resolution called for the Department of Veterans Affairs to become autonomous, and that the Veterans Home Ownership Act become funded with oversight given to the Veterans Affairs Committee.

The resolution passed with a vote of 59.1 percent (678) in favor, 27.9 percent (320) against and 13.1 percent (150) abstaining.

Marlys WhiteEagle introduced a resolution to hold the annual General Council meeting every third Saturday in September. It passed with 64 percent (939) voting in favor, 26.2 percent (384) against and 9.9 percent (145) abstaining.

Cecelia Kraus brought forth a resolution to endorse the Declaration of Extraterritoriality. The resolution spells out the establishment of a 62-mile buffer zone of tribal community members to any frac sand mining practices.

"This is to counteract the threat to air, water and land and the toxicity which this industry effects upon our people," Kraus said. "These companies are coming into Indian lands and are giving no consideration to the people."

Sharice Davids supported the resolution, saying that frac sand mining is not safe for the people.

"These companies are making billions and this is a way to say this is not okay at the cost of health," Davids said.

The resolution was approved with a 74 percent (1071) vote, 14.4 percent (209) against and 11.5 percent (167) abstaining.

William Greendeer provided a resolution to amend the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to provide support for the rights of nature.

"We don't have anything in the Constitution to defend the rights of the deer, the birds, the plants, the water and the soil," Greendeer said. "We re-



Libby Fairchild introduces a resolution to the election code to allow ballots to be filed by mail.



Jeremy Rockman speaks in favor of a resolution that offers housing to veterans, regardless of whether they were involved in combat or not.

ally need to put something in the Constitution."

Greendeer pointed out that trees are being cut down every day for electrical transmission lines and gas lines and leaving a path of destruction in its wake.

"As people, we need to stop all this destruction," he said. "We need to give rights to

nature."

The resolution passed with a vote of 70.4 percent (893), with 14.4 percent (182) against and 15.2 percent (193) abstaining.

Libby Fairchild offered a resolution to amend the election code to allow use of the U.S. Postal System for elections. The resolution suggest-

ed that for Ho-Chunk elections, paper ballots would be used which could be mailed in, instead of the current use of polling places.

The resolution was defeated, with a vote of 43.8 percent (598) in favor, 48.4 percent (660) against, and 7.8 percent (106) abstaining.



The annual General Council meeting, addressing nine resolutions, was held at the Alliance Energy Center in Madison.

SUMMONS (Second Publication) IN THE HO-CHUNK NATION TRIAL COURT

Ho-Chunk Nation Child Support Agency, Petitioner, v. Frances A. Sanchez, Respondent.

Case : CS 15-72

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED RESPONDENT: Frances A. Sanchez

You are hereby informed that you have been named a respondent in the above-entitled child support matter. This legal notice of the **Petition for Child Support** is now served upon you by publication. A hearing shall be held no less than twenty-five (25) days after service of this **Summons** is completed. See CHILD SUPPORT ENFORCEMENT CODE, 4 HCC § 7.28a. You are hereby notified that **the Court may proceed in your absence and enter a default judgement without your participation if you do not appear at the hearing or respond to the Petition within sixty (60) days of the date of publication.** *Id.*, § 7.28d(i). To properly submit a response, you must send or present a copy of your **Answer** to the opposing party listed above or to their attorney of record. The response must include a completed financial disclosure, which shall be confidential and available only to the parties and the Court, as well as an authorization for the release of financial records. *Id.*, § 7.28e, g.

The Trial Court is physically located at Wa Ehi Hocira, W9598 Highway 54 East, Black River Falls, (Jackson County) Wisconsin. The Trial Court's mailing address is P. O. Box 70, Black River Falls, WI 54615. The telephone number is (715) 284-2722, or toll free 800-434-4070, and the facsimile number is (715) 284-3136.

Gary Puckett and Union Gap to hit the stage October 18

Ken Luchterhand
Staff Writer

At the time, the group was a huge sensation, with their songs hitting the airwaves and topping the pop charts.

They were known as Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, donning Civil War era Union uniforms and during the 1960s and 70s, and having hit the top of the charts with hits like "Young Girl," "Lady Willpower," and "Over You."

Gary Puckett and the Union Gap Band will be performing at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Sunday, October 18, at Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls. Also singing that night will be Mark Lindsay, former lead singer of the Raiders.

"Mostly the show is built around the hits and the album cuts of the Union Gap's career," Puckett said. "Most of it is the songs people know, but over the years you find the songs that the fans have grown to love besides the hits. We have a number of songs that the fans seem to have gravitated towards. We have included many of the songs and sometimes we do some other things just for fun, such as a Roy Orbison tune or a Dion tune or something like that. I grew up with Elvis, so we might do something by Elvis. You just never know."

The original band consisted of Gary Puckett, Kerry Chater, Gary "Mutha" Withem, Dwight Bement, and Paul Wheatbread.

"I'm the only original Union Gap guy left from the group. They're all alive and well, but we just don't work together anymore," Puckett said. "I've got a different band now that I call 'The Union Gap Band' and they're every bit as good as the original band. They've become my friends over the years that we've been together. So I always look forward to working with them."

The name "Union Gap" may seem a little odd to name a band after, but it was all part of a scheme.

"Yes, it was all my idea. Union Gap is actually a city in the southeast part of Washington state, part of the Yakima

Valley, established in 1883. I used to have a picture of the covered wagon that they used as a symbol of Union Gap," he said.

"I grew up, my formative years, in the Yakama Valley in the state of Washington and Union Gap was just a place I went. When I was 15, I would hitchhike my way down there on Saturdays to do my Saturday job for a company called Industrial Air Products Company.

The company had a number of trucks and delivered industrial air cylinders of all kinds to businesses and homes.

"Years later, when I had put the band together and I was trying to figure out how we could go about putting together a recording career and image. I realized, at one point, someone told me that there were anywhere from 400-500 records that were going out to radio stations every month. And radio stations only had a 'Top 40.' So how do a few new groups get on to that 'Top 40?'" he said.

"One, you have to have a great sounding record and two, maybe you have to have a look and a picture that is in front of the D.J. or the program director so they say, 'So, this looks interesting. Who are these guys?'" Puckett said.

The original group were known for wearing blue Union uniforms from the Civil War era, something that became sort of a trademark with the band.

"In our era, we were wearing tie-dyes and fringes and high platform shoes and hip-huggers and all the people on the street were wearing the same thing. I thought that maybe if we look different, then we might have a shot at auditioning our records," Puckett said. "So, I thought, I really love the Civil War period in time and I went, 'Yes! Union soldier. I like blue. Union Gap. That makes sense. It's a name. It's an image. It's some connection to me.' So I said, 'Here is what we're going to do fellows. We're going to wear a costume or an outfit that is patterned after

the Union soldiers of 1861-1865."

Actually, as it turned out, a disc jockey in Columbus, Ohio, was a Civil War historian, and he saw the picture on the album and said, "I love this picture. What's on the record?"

He listened to it and loved it, so he put it on the station and it went to number one on WCOL in Columbus.

The Columbia Records promotional regional office in Cleveland saw that activity and they called Puckett and said he wanted to bring the band to Cleveland. He then took them to Columbus and cities nearby, shake some hands and meet some people and try to promote the record into a hit, he said.

"So, we went to work at a place called Otto's Grotto. It was in the basement on the Sheridan Hotel in the dead of winter. Nighttime we worked 9 to 2 and during the day we tried to make some radio friends. And it helped," Puckett said.

The Union uniforms helped them launch their career and Puckett has never forgot that point.

"We started wearing the jackets again, as a matter of fact," Puckett said. "The drummer's wife made some shirt jackets. I actually am bringing along, and wearing for the first time, the second original jacket that was on the 'Young Girl' album."

There was a time when Puckett was not making music. In 1973, he opted to study acting and dance and to perform in theaters around Los Angeles.

"Maybe if I were to do it all over again, maybe I would pursue the acting and dancing a little harder. But you know all three of these world, they all intertwine and they're all the same in certain ways," Puckett said. "And I found myself more dwelling upon the music part of it."

"I enjoyed acting when I was being taught, and I had a leading role in a movie that was made in the Philippines in the middle 70s," he said. "It never saw the light of day – it never got edited in a final version. So, it was a good experience and maybe it could have helped me to move along in the acting world. I guess I wasn't serious enough about it to continue living in Los Angeles and fighting the fight, if you want to call it that."

He loved acting and he considered it fun, but he also found it was long, long hours and a lot of "hurry up and wait" - a lot like his present business but much more.

"What dance did for me is kind of give me a 'body center.' Looking at the videos from that era, I was 25-26 years old and it was the Union Gap, I looked a lot of 'stilted' on stage. I didn't have command of the stage and that is essentially what dancing did for me. It gave me the ability



Gary Puckett's love for music transcends everything he does, which is evident every time he hits the stage.

to be on stage and not give me the feeling I was going to fall off. Dance just gave me some extra movement and consciousness," he said.

"I'm not a dancer now, either, and I don't run around the stage. I'm not a guy who's 26 anymore. We used to do that and have fun and kind of do the rock thing," Puckett said. "Things change as the years go by and our type of music doesn't call for that. But it still gave me the ability to feel at ease on my feet in front of all those people because it used to be when the red light went on, so to speak, or the record light, the spotlight went on, there was some – uh-oh – I might fall down. That's really what it is."

Puckett doesn't ever see himself quitting or retiring. He might sort of semi-retire, meaning work through the summer months into the fall and stay away from the winter, he said. For now, he plans to continue to work year-round for a couple more years. Then he might start to take semi-retirement, like take off November through February.

"I'm still in good health and I think I have another 20 years to go," Puckett said. "I doubt I'm going to quit. Music gets under skin and in your soul. You know, you want to do it. I play guitar every day when I'm not working, just because I want to practice – I want to get better. I want to learn something else."

Puckett and his wife, Lorrie, have two adult girls and live in Clearwater, Florida. The older girl is Michaela who is studying to become a doctor. His other daughter is Sydney who has a degree in business and works in management for the Coach Company. She and her fiancé are looking at buying a house.

"No, they won't pursue a career in music, they're looking at leading a normal life," he said.

Through the years, his passion for music is something that demands his full attention, but it also is something he loves doing.

"I need the music, I need the people, I love the music, I love the people, I'm very blessed in the fact that I was given many hit records and I was actually able to make a career out of it, though I've had my ups and downs through the years," Puckett said. "We all make our choices - some are good and some are not – those sorts of things leads you to the place you are. Where we live and what you do."

He and his wife live on an acre and a half of heavily planted property, which they both work at it constantly because it needs it, he said.

"We have 40 types of palms and she just loves the colors of the flowers that she plants. I'm very pleased," Puckett said.

He also donates a large amount of his time and efforts to local charities.

"I do my best to help the vets where we can and we do some charity work here and there," Puckett said. "I work with Special Olympics and I donate my time for the Humane Society. But I especially give my full devotion for the veterans. I help people whenever I can."

He has made many decisions in his life about his career in music, but he is pretty satisfied on how it has all turned out.

"I suppose I could have been a bigger star, but the Lord had this in mind for me," he said.



During the early years of Gary Puckett and the Union Gap, the Union uniforms were an essential part of their trademark look and they used that approach on their album covers.

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Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls donates \$3,200 to Jackson Co. Little League

Submitted by Tris Harris, Senior Manager-Public Relations, Ho-Chunk Gaming

~ Black River Falls

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls held a Coed Softball Tournament July 31st-August 2nd at the Sandpillow Ball Field. There were teams from all over Wisconsin as far south as Milwaukee and north as Wausau. 1st place went to the team In It To Win It from Waukegan, IL receiving \$2,000.

Entry fees of \$200 were collected from each team and then it was decided that the entry fees would be donated to the Jackson Co. Little League (JCLL) organization. The JCLL has decided start a new program and hire a coach to teach the basics for different age groups during daytime hours over a 6 week period. The coach would focus on a different aspect of the game on specific days and by the time the students reached

high school, they would be equipped with the right mechanics of the game.

Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls is hoping to continue this Coed Softball Tournament annually in order to raise money for organizations that keep children and adults exercising and healthy. For more information about the Jackson Co. Little League organization, you can call their President, Steve Peterson at 715-284-9246.

Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls is owned and operated by Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises, with headquarters in Black River Falls, Wis. Ho-Chunk Nation Enterprises also owns and operates Ho-Chunk Gaming – Madison, Nekoosa, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells and Wittenberg. For more information, call Ho-Chunk Gaming – Black River Falls at 800/657-4621 or go online www.ho-chunkgaming.com.



L-R: Rhonda Anderson, Director of Marketing for HCG-BRF, Steve Peterson, Parks & Rec Director, Katie Christianson JCLL Board Member & Kelly Hurst JCLL Board Member



Black River Falls' Mitchell Redcloud Jr. Detachment of the Marine Corps League, requests the honor of your presence at their Birthday Ball, commemorating the 240th Anniversary of the founding of the U.S. Marine Corps, on Saturday, November 7th, 2015 at Three Bears Lodge, Warrens, WI.

The celebration will commence at 5 p.m. with cocktails, and then proceed to the formal Birthday Ceremony at 6 p.m. Dinner and an evening of dancing will follow.

The Ball is open to all Marines, their families and anyone that would like to enjoy an evening of pomp and ceremony, celebrating the birth of the United States Marine Corps. It is an event you don't want to miss. Come celebrate and have fun with Marines who are proud of their heritage, traditions and 240 years of service to our country and communities.

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Audit Bureau turns 50, receives national recognition and calls for its demise

Submitted by Senator Kathleen Vinehout, WI State Senator

"Fix the broken programs, get rid of the ones that don't work and fund those that are working." There's not a state candidate around that would disagree with this statement.

Yet there are some in the Legislature that would eliminate the very source of information on which programs are a waste of taxpayer dollars and where the broken programs need fixing.

For fifty years, auditors at the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau (LAB) have assisted legislators and the people of Wisconsin in answering questions about dollars spent. Questions like, "Did we get our money's worth out of that program?"

Skilled public sector auditors perform financial audits on various funds in state government, like the lottery or the Patient's Compensation Fund. They examine federal dollars to assure the state is compliant with federal law in the annual Single Audit. Auditors also review state operations in the LAB review of the Comprehensive Annual Financial Audit released near the end of the year.

The National State Auditors Association recently awarded the highest rating possible to the LAB's financial audit division. Very experienced auditors put the LAB's programs and policies through a rigorous review. These examinations are conducted every three years. Wisconsin's LAB has consistently received the highest ratings possible.

But financial audits are only half of the award winning work done by the LAB. Program evaluations, answering questions like *did this program meet its goals*, is the other half of the work of the Audit Bureau.

While the work of the financial division seldom makes headlines, the program evaluation auditors often find their work under the spotlight. Recently a GOP Assembly proposal called for eliminating the LAB. Capitol rumors said elimination was in retaliation for the embarrassing failures made public in three audits over the past three years of the Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation (WEDC).

But far from cause for elimination of the nonpartisan watchdog, the program auditors of the Legislative Audit Bureau were rewarded with national recognition for their work on WEDC and similar critically important program audits.

The National Legislative Program Evaluation Society recognized the work of the LAB with its distinguished Certificate of Impact for the 2013 FoodShare audit; the 2014 Wisconsin Economic Development Corporation audit; and the 2015 Supervised Release Placement and Expenditure audit. The recent

national accolades should reassure voters and lawmakers of the LAB's stellar work.

Too often lawmakers say they want to know which programs work and which do not, but their *actions* tell us otherwise. Recent actions such as cutting funding for an outside evaluation for the Drug Court (Treatment Alternative Diversion) program. Or by budget action creating four or five alternative tests for students in publicly funded private school programs, making accurate comparisons between public and private school student achievement extremely

difficult.

Facts matter. Facts lead us to conclusions that might not always be popular politically. That's exactly why we need the nonpartisan Legislative Audit Bureau. If we truly care about creating a well-run state government no one should shy away from the facts nonpartisan auditors present to us – regardless of political implications.

This summer the *Beloit Daily News* editorialized about the importance of independent agencies in state government. The editorial lauded the LAB saying the

agency "has earned a strong reputation for impartiality and independence from partisan political influence."

Nonpartisan agencies like the Audit Bureau, the Fiscal Bureau and the Government Accountability Board play a key role in a well-functioning state government. The *Beloit Daily News* warns us:

"TAXPAYERS, TAKE NOTE. Agencies like the GAB, the Audit Bureau and the Fiscal Bureau exist under a mandate to serve truth, not politics. That's in the best interest of the people, if not the politicians.

"Understandably, the powerful object to any outfit they can't control. But government watchdogs must not be muzzled and broken to the partisan leash."

Instead, let us laud the work of our nonpartisan agencies. Join me in congratulating the LAB on excellent accomplishments and national recognition.

And wish the agency another 50 years of exceptional work serving as "the steward of the people's money."



WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK EVENT

October 17, 2015

LOCATION: COMMUNITY BLDG., W8813 MISSION RD. BRF

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

HOSTED BY: HO-CHUNK NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

LOCATION: LEGION POST-11046 N. REEDSBURG ROAD, BARABOO

TIME: 10:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

HOSTED BY: HO-CHUNK NATION POLICE DEPARTMENT

Safely dispose of all unwanted, unneeded or expired medications.

Participants may dispose of solid, non-liquid medication(s) by removing the medication from its container and disposing of it directly into a disposal box or into a clear sealable plastic bag. Blister packages are acceptable without the medications being removed. Liquids, creams and sprays must be in their original packaging.

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DO NOT BRING:

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Preparing the Next Generation of Leaders: Our Most Precious Resource

The Wisconsin Inter Tribal Child Care Association will be featuring William Kellibrew IV, Activist & Expert of Violence, at the Lac Courte Oreilles Convention Center, 13767 W County Road B in Hayward, WI on October 9, 2015 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. The cost of the conference is \$25.

William Kellibrew IV, from Washington, D.C., is an international advocate for civil, human, women, children, and victims' rights. He is a sought-after speaker on violence, trauma, trauma-informed care, and children exposed to violence. At age six, he was sexually abused by his mom's neighbor and at age ten, he watched helplessly as his mother and twelve-year-old brother were shot in their living room by his mother's estranged boyfriend. Mr. Kellibrew has appeared on Oprah, MSNBC, BBC, and many others. He was also recognized by The White House as a Champion of Change.

As a child, William's passion was to be a performer. After witnessing the murders of his mother and 12-year-old brother at age 10, William continued to learn his craft, but with immense challenges and barriers from violence, sexual abuse and trauma. Spiraling into a world of truancy, violence, trauma, depression, substance use, gangs, guns and suicidal ideation, he nearly gave up on life. Today, William believes that his challenges were disguised as opportunities. In this presentation, William engages the audience on the importance of core values and how they play a role in preventing the barriers and challenges from claiming out youth and their potential. William also focuses on building on our youth's strengths versus their deficits.

"If we see children as our most precious resource," William says, "we value them and the role that they play for our future."

To register or for more information please call Northwest Connection Family Resources at (800) 733-KIDS or (715) 634-2299.



OCTOBER 2015

TERO Outreach Calendar

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
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7	8 Madison Branch Office 11:00 am-1:00 pm	9	10 House of Wellness 12:00am-2:00pm	11 Milwaukee Branch Office 11:00am-1:00pm	12	13
14	15 Green Bay Branch Office 11:00am-1:00pm	16	17 Lacrosse Branch Office 12:00am-2:00pm	18	19	20
21	22 HCG-Nekoosa 10:00am-12:00pm	23	24 Wittenberg Potch-chee-nunk 12:00am-2:00pm	25	26	27
28	29	30				

For more information you can call TERO Case Managers

715-284-9343 or 1-800-294-9343

William Collins X- 1146 - Julie Rodriguez X-1145

MEETING NOTICE DISTRICT 2

BARABOO AREA MEETING

**Monday, October 5, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
House of Wellness S2845 White Eagle Rd**

LA CROSSE AREA MEETING

**Monday, October 12, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.
LAX Branch Office 724 Main St**

TOMAH AREA MEETING

**Tuesday, October 13, 2015 - 6:00 p.m.
Blue Wing Community Bldg. 320 Epoch
St.**

MADISON AREA MEETING

**Wednesday, October 14, 2015-6:00 pm
Madison Branch Office 1320 Mendota St**

Posted on: September 28, 2015



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Ho-Chunk Nation Badger Property closed for public hunting

Submitted by Collin Price, HCN Public Relations Officer

The former Badger Army Ammunition Plant (BAAP) recently acquired by the Ho-Chunk Nation is closed for public hunting. Prior to Ho-Chunk's acquisition, the 1,553 acres at BAAP was open for public hunting.

Enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members are permitted to hunt at this location. They must possess a valid State of Wisconsin hunting license and abide by the hunting rules and regulations defined by the State of Wisconsin.

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Committee on Tribal Enrollment has the following

VACANCY: Enrollment Committee

District 2

Length of Term:

4 years from date of Legislative Appointment

Candidate must reside in the District at the time of selection until the term limit ends, unless a redistricting change supersedes a member from the redistricted district.

To qualify you must meet the following:

- Enrolled Tribal Ho-Chunk Member
- Be at least twenty-five (25 years of age)
- Never been convicted of a felony in any tribal, state or federal court and;
- Cannot be determined to be incompetent by a court of law.

All interested Tribal Members should attend the District Area Meeting. Members are selected by eligible voters of each District.

ANY QUESTIONS YOU MAY CONTACT THE OFFICE OF TRIBAL ENROLLMENT @ 800-331-7824 OR 715-284-7824.

DISTRICT 4 AREA MEETING HAS PERMANENTLY MOVED TO WEDNESDAY

**The next meeting date will be
Wednesday,
October 14, 2015 at 6 pm
Milwaukee Branch Office
3501 S. Howell
Milwaukee, WI 53207**

**For more information
please contact Rep. Visintin
or Katie Funmaker
at 1(800) 294-9343 ext. 1123**

18th Annual All Nations Co-Ed Softball Tournament



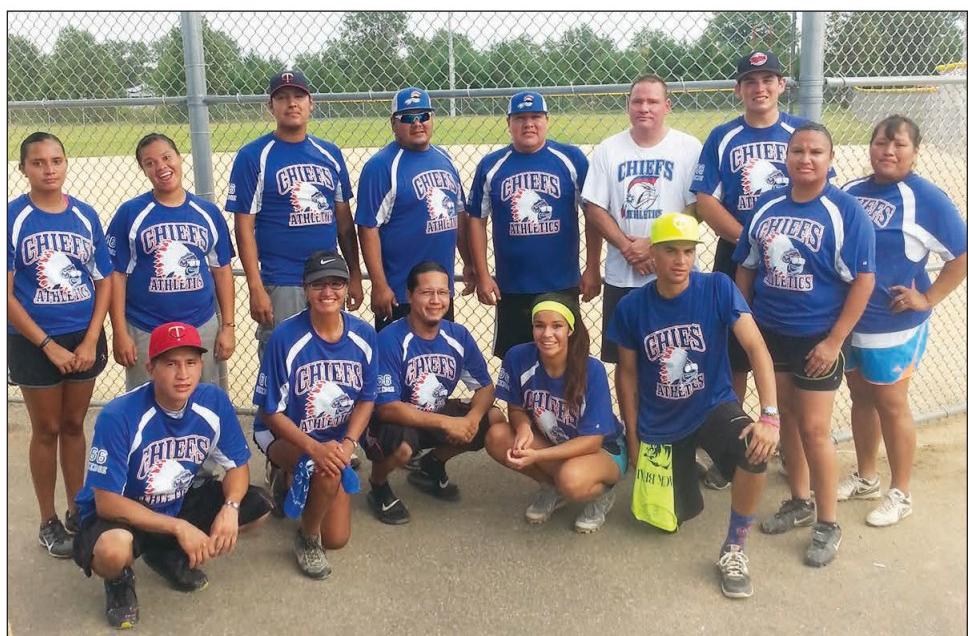
Josh Webster Memorial - Champions: Back Row: Jermaine Webster, Roman Leonard, Nate Collins, Kole McGeshick, Brian (BJ) Denny. Front Row: Irene Danforth, Erin Wynos, Roberta Ponfil, Schay Anderson, Jiana Hill. Kneeling: Jason Denny



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*Please Contact Marjorie.whitman@ho-chunk.com
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The 18th Annual All Nations Co-Ed Softball tournament took place at the Sand Pillow Softball fields across from the District One Community Center on September 5 and 6, 2015. The rain held out until the last game was being played for first and second place after several hours of deliberation it was decided by consensus of both teams that Josh Webster Memorial would be declared the champions.